




New Zealand  
**DEFENCE  
FORCE**  
Te Ope Kātua O Aotearoa

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER OF DEFENCE

**NAVY** **NZ ARMY** **AIR FORCE**

<b>Title:</b>	ALLEGATIONS OF OFFENDING		
<b>NZDF File No:</b>	NZDF Tracking #: <b>378/17</b> (For OCDF Use Only)	Minister's Tracking#: (For Minister's Office)	
<b>Importance of the Issue:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine
<b>Request Ministerial response by:</b>	N/A		
<b>Contact:</b>	1. AVM Kevin Short	Tel: <b>s. 9(2)(a) &amp; 9(2)(k)</b>	
<p>1. An allegation of offending has been brought to my attention that involves a senior officer, Commodore Fred Keating, RNZN. The allegation concerns the installation of a hidden camera in a bathroom at the NZ Embassy in Washington DC.</p> <p>2. At the time, Commodore Keating was Defence Attaché, Washington DC. The matter was initially investigated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and is currently the subject of a New Zealand Police investigation. Commodore Keating is a suspect in the New Zealand Police investigation. It will be late January 2018 before Police can provide an update into the investigation.</p> <p>3. The NZDF considers that given the seriousness of the allegation, that Commodore Keating be suspended until the matter has been resolved.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>4. I recommend that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Note</b> that an allegation of offending involving a senior officer is being investigated by the New Zealand Police.</li> <li>b. <b>Note</b> that given the seriousness of the allegation, the officer is suspended until the matter has been resolved.</li> </ul>			
<b>Minister's Comments:</b>			
<b>Minister's Action:</b>	Signed / Noted / Agreed / Approved / Declined / Discussion Required		
	Referred to:		
<b>Signature:</b>			
	Date: <b>13 Dec 2017</b>		

**T.J. KEATING**  
Lieutenant General  
Chief of Defence Force

Date: **13 December 2017**